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TAGS: CASC (PATTI WALKER)

SUBJ: W/W AEROMEDICAL EVACUATION BY USAF OF PATTI WALKER TO
CLARK FIELD, MANILA AND PERHAPS ONWARD TO U.S.

REF: STATE'S 251947

SPEAKER CARL ALBERT INTERESTED.

DR. JOHN C. GIBSON, PROFESSOR OF CLINICAL NEURO-SURGERY AT

UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON SEATTLE ON A PROFESSIONAL STAY
SINGAPORE HAS BEEN SERVING ON CONSULTANT BASIS IN TREATMENT OF
PATTI WALKER. HE RECOMMENDS SHE BE EVACUATED FROM SINGAPORE
BY USAF MEDICAL EVACUATION AT LEAST TO CLARK FIELD, MANILA.
FOLLOWING IS HIS STATEMENT CONCERNING PATTI TAKEN FROM TELEGRAM
SENT USAF CLARK FIELD BY AIR ATTACHE SINGAPORE QUOTE EIGHT YEAR
OLD GIRL WITH BRAINSTEM CONTUSION MODERATELY SEVERE BUT
IMPROVING COMA AND TRANSVERSE FRACTURE OF MIDSHAFT OF RIGHT
FEMUR.

HER NEUROLOGICAL STATUS IS SUCH THAT SHE IS EXPECTED TO RE-
GAIN CONSCIOUSNESS WITHIN THE NEXT TEN TO FOURTEEN DAYS.
THE FRACTURED FEMUR IS UNSTABLE AND SATISFACTORY REDUCTION HAS
NOT BEEN OBTAINED. LOCAL FACILITIES ARE NOT AVAILBLE FOR OPEN
REDUCTION AND INTERNAL FIXATION IN A PATIENT OF THIS AGE AND
NEUROLOGICAL STATUS. THEREFORE, TRANSFER IS REQUESTED AS A
MEDICAL EMERGENCY UNQUOTE.

AIR ATTACHE'S TELEGRAM ALSO CONTAINED FOLLOWING QUOTE DR.

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GIBSON HAS INFORMED AIRA THAT BY DEFINITIONS CONTAINED IN CHAP-

TER 11 OF DOD 451513R THAT A CONDITION OF LOSS OF LIMB EXISTS AND NOT NECESSARILY LOSS OF LIFE, BUT POSSIBLE. HE HAS FURTHER STATED PATIENT'S CONDITION DOES NOT PERMIT HER TO TRAVEL BY COMMERCIAL MEANS. UNQUOTE.

LOCAL MANAGER OF FATHER OF CHILD, WESTERN OFFSHORE DRILLING AND EXPLORATION CO., A DIVISION OF FLUOR DRILLING SERVICES, INC., 2500 SOUTH ATLANTIC BLVD., LOS ANGELES, CAL. 90040 HAS STATED ORALLY THAT FIRM WILL GUARANTEE COSTS OF MEDICAL EVCAUATION TO CLARK FIELD.

PATTI'S MOTHER AND OLDER SISTER WILL ACCOMPANY HER TO CLARK FIELD. PARENTS DESIRE TO HAVE CHILD EVACUATED ALL THE WAY TO OKLAHOMA CITY. THEY APPEAR TO BE UNDULY CONCERNED WITH OLDER CHILD'S SCHOOLING AND LIVING QUARTERS AVAILABLE VICINITY OF CLARK FIELD AS OPPOSED TO WELFARE OF INJURED CHILD.

IN A MESSAGE DATED NOV 13, 0815Z, USAF HOSPITAL CLARK FIELD INDICATED CAPABILITY EXISTS TO TREAT CHILD BUT THAT TREATMENT AND EVCAUATION MUST BE APPROVED BY STATE DEPT. UPON PROOF OF FINANCIAL CAPABILITY TO COVER TREATMENT AND AIR EVACUATION EXPENSES.

JIM MCCLURE OF SPEAKER ALBERT'S WASHINGTON STAFF IS FAMILIAR WITH CASE. SAID BY FATHER TO HAVE INFORMATION ON EVACUATION AND INCIDENTAL EXPENSES. DEPARTMENT'S INSTRUCTIONS REQUESTED. THIS IS AN EXTREME EMERGENCY.
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